PAPERS relative to the CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT of that Part of the Island of *St. DOMINGO* in the Possession of the BRITISH FORCES, from the Commencement of the War.

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N° 1.

ACCOUNT of the CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT of that Part of the Iſland of ST. DOMINGO in the Poſſeſſion of the Britiſh Forces, from the Commencement of the War to the lateſt Period ſuch an Account can be made out from the Correſpondence in the Office of His Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Where appointed.	Offices.	Names.	Salaries.
Appointed in England.	Governor.	M. Genl Simcoe.	£. 5,000 per Ann.

PRIVY COUNCIL or Committee appointed conformably to the 5th Article of the Capitulation, to aſſiſt the Governor in all the Details of Adminiſtration and Police.

Appointed by the Governor.	Belen Villeneuve, François Eſprit Felix Le Gras, Etienne Guillaume Vincenſon du Tour, Jean Suſanne de Leaumont, Pierre de Ronſeray,	Livres. Each per Ann. 25,000 Curr[y].
D° - - - -	Curateur des biens vacantes,	Chev[r] de Bruges, Salary not mentioned.

JUDICIAL OFFICES.

Appointed in England.	Chief Juſtice and 1ſt Preſident of the Council.	Monſ[r] Lambert, - - - £. 2,500 per Ann.

		Livres.		
Appointed by the Governor.	Vice Preſident, M. de Ronſeray,	25,000	Curr[y]	per Ann.
	Twelve Judges or Counſellors, each	20,000	D°	D°
	Procureur General, M. de Cotte,	89,250	D°	D°
	Two Subſtitutes, each - - -	10,000	D°	D°
	A Greffier, An Audiencier,	No Salaries.		

Appointed by the Iſland.	Deputy from the Iſland.	Monſ[r] Malouet,	36,000	D°	D°

N° 2.

SECRETARY OF STATE's OFFICE,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

Extract of a LETTER from the Duke of PORTLAND to the Officer commanding in Chief in St. Domingo; dated Whitehall 30th September 1795.

Vide N° 1. N° 2.

FROM the Letters of the Colonial Council received from Sir Adam Williamſon, I am very ſorry to obſerve the Appointment of Two Perſons with the Salary of 36,000 Livres each, under the Appellation of Deputies from the Superior Council to His Majeſty and this Government. It is impoſſible for me not to conſider the Eſtabliſhment of Two ſuch Offices, more eſpecially in the preſent reduced State of the Finances of the Colony, as an unwarranted and extravagant Waſte of the Public Money, and an unneceſſary Accumulation to the Debt of the Iſland, for the Payment of which it ſtands pledged by the Terms of Capitulation. Whatever Idea may be annexed by the Council to the Situation of a Deputy, he muſt be conſidered here in the ſame Light with the Agent from our own Iſlands, who are Perſons appointed by their reſpective Legiſlatures, to repreſent or ſolicit ſuch Matters as they are inſtructed upon; but perfectly diſtinct from and unconnected with the Executive Authority of the Iſland, and in nowiſe interfering with the Communication between that Authority and His Majeſty's confidential Servants here. Having ſaid thus much, I ſhall only add, that the Appointment of a Second Agent for St. Domingo, even on a Suppoſition of the moſt favourable Extenſion of His Majeſty's Poſſeſſions in that Iſland, muſt be immediately diſcontinued.

I cannot conclude this Letter without particularly noticing ſome Repreſentations which have been made to me on the preſent Conſtitution of the Council of Juſtice at Port-au-Prince, of which I have received no official Information, notwithſtanding my Letter to Sir Adam Williamſon of the 6th of October laſt, which required him to tranſmit ſuch Information, "As might be requiſite for receiving His Majeſty's Pleaſure on the Eſtabliſhment of ſuch Civil Offices as the preſent Government of the Colony *abſolutely* required, with the Amount of the Salaries and of the Fees and Perquiſites." Theſe Repreſentations ſtate, that the above Council at preſent conſiſts of 14 Councillors, including a Firſt and Second Doyen, with a Firſt and Second Preſident, a Procureur and Advocate General; whereas the Eſtabliſhment of Perſons forming the Council, and who only received Salaries in 1789 when the Colony was entire, conſiſted, as I underſtand, of only Eleven Councillors, One Preſident, and One Procureur General. Such an Increaſe therefore, as is

repreſented

repreſented to me to have taken place is highly culpable; and the augmenting the Salaries which were aſſigned to thoſe Places, and creating new ones, is ſtill more ſo; and no Time muſt be loſt in reducing the Court to its original Eſtabliſhment.

Conſidering the ſmall comparative Portion of Territory which we now poſſeſs, and the offenſive Military Operations about to take place, in Conformity to the Inſtructions which you will receive from Mr. Secretary Dundas in this Behalf, which Operations, from their Nature, muſt in a great Meaſure leſſen, if not entirely ſuſpend for a Time the Civil Juriſdiction and Authorities, it ſeems abſurd to ſuppoſe that a Council of Juſtice, conſiſting of Eleven Members and One Preſident, who joins to his Situation that of Chief Juſtice of Police, with a Procureur General, muſt not be ſufficient for the Adminiſtration of Juſtice in all the Diſtricts now in our Poſſeſſion.

Such of them as are not neceſſarily employed at Port-au-Prince, ſhould take their Tour of Duty, and be employed in the ſeveral Diſtricts; ſuch a Mode of Proceeding on their Parts, with the Aſſiſtance of the Juges de Paix of each Diſtrict (who I underſtand receive no Salaries) would, no Doubt, render ſeparate and diſtinct Courts of Juſtice in thoſe Diſtricts unneceſſary for the preſent, and thereby produce a conſiderable Saving to the Public.

Not having received from Sir Adam Williamſon, as I have already mentioned, the Information required by my Letter of the 6th of October laſt, it is not poſſible to determine what Civil Offices may be requiſite in the preſent Situation of Affairs in St. Domingo; but, pending Military Operations, they muſt neceſſarily be but very few, and therefore the only Direction that can be given on this Point, and which His Majeſty's Service, not leſs that the Intereſt of the Colony, requires, is, that Civil Appointments ſhould be as limited in Number, and as œconomically paid, as poſſible. For while the Military Conteſt for the Country continues, little other than Military Authority ought to prevail; and upon that Principle, when no urgent Reaſon operates to the contrary, you ought to regulate your Conduct conformably to the Powers veſted in you by your Commiſſion, which both authorizes and directs you to be guided by the Law Martial, where Circumſtances require it.

N° 3.

EXTRAIT du Regiſtre des Deliberations du Conſeil Colonial.—Séance du Quinze Juin 1795.

Ce jourd'hui Quinze du Mois de Juin Mil Sept Cent quatre-vingt-quinze.

LES Propriétaires, Planteurs compoſant le Conſeil de la Colonie établi près le Gouvernement de St Domingue, aux Terms de la Capitulation et des Inſtructions de Sa Majeſté, aſſemblés en Preſence de Son Excellence Sir Adam Williamſon, Chevalier du très Honorable Ordre du Bain, Gouverneur & Commandant en Chef de St Domingue, ont penſé qu'il étoit de l'Intérêt general de mettre ſous, les Yeux du Roi & de Ses Miniſtres, la Poſition de la Colonie de St Domingue, & de préſenter les Plans d'Adminiſtration qui doivent la régir, ce qui ne peut s'affectuer que par le moyen de Députés a Londres. Cette Réſolution ayant été approuvée par M. Le Gouverneur, il à déclaré conſentir à ce que le Conſeil Colonial fit choix de Deux ou Trois Perſonnes pures, & de grande Capacité, pour repreſénter la Colonie.

En conſéquence, le Conſeil Colonial nommeé & député Meſſieurs Malouet, ancien Ordonnateur de St Domingue, actuellement à Londres, & Chauvin Dumas, Chef de Juſtice & Premier Preſident du Conſeil Superieur de St Domingue, auxquels le Conſeil Colonial donne toute l'Autoriſation qui eſt en ſon Pouvoir, pour repréſenter proviſoirement la Colonie de St Domingue, auprès de Sa Majeſté & de Ses Miniſtres, ſtipuler ſes Intérêts ſous tous les Points de Vue, ſolliciter tous les Secours qui peuvent achever ſa Conquête, & preſenter tous les Plans qui doivent donner lieu aux Loix & Règlemens deſtinés à la Gouverneur & Adminiſtrer.

Laquelle Nomination à été agrée & approuvée par M. le Gouverneur, en conſéquence M. Malouet & M. Dumas demeurent revêtus du Caractère de Deputés de la Colonie de St Domingue.

Fait & arrêté du Conſeil Colonial, Maiſon du Roi, au Port-au-Prince, les Jours & An que deſſus.

(Signé) *De Monſeray,*
Le Gras,
Belin Villeneuve,
Vincendon du Tour,
Jean Suzanne de Liaument.

(Approuvé) *Adam Williamſon.*

TRANSLATION.

N° 3.

EXTRACT from the Regiſter of the Deliberations of the Colonial Council.—Sitting 15th of June 1795.

THE Proprietors and Planters compoſing the Colonial Council, eſtabliſhed for the Government of Saint Domingo, in the Terms of the Capitulation, and Inſtructions of His Majeſty, aſſembled in the Preſence of His Excellency Sir Adam Williamſon, Knight of the Moſt Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander in Chief of Saint Domingo, have given it as their Opinion, That it is for the general Good, to lay before the King and His Miniſters, the Situation of the Colony of Saint Domingo, and to preſent to Him the Plans of Adminiſtration by which it ſhould be governed, which cannot be carried into Effect in a more deſirable Manner than by ſending Deputies to London.

This Reſolution having been approved by the Governor, he has ſignified his Conſent, That the Colonial Council ſhould chooſe Two or Three Perſons of ſtrict Integrity, and fit Capacity to repreſent the Colony.

In conſequence, the Colonial Council nominated and deputed Meſſrs. Malouet, ancient Ordonnateur of Saint Domingo, at preſent in London, and Chauvin Dumas, Chief Juſtice and Firſt Preſident of the Superior Council of Saint Domingo, whom the Colonial Council inveſted with the fulleſt Authority in their Power, to enable them proviſionally to repreſent the Colony of Saint Domingo, in its Intereſts and Concerns, with His Majeſty and His Miniſters; to covenant for her Intereſts in every Point of View; ſolicit ſuch Succour as might compleat her Conqueſt, and preſent ſuch Plans as might carry into Effect the Laws and Regulations for the good Government of the Colony.

Which Nominations having been ſanctioned and approved by the Governor, Mr. Malouet and Mr. Dumas are accordingly inveſted with the Powers and Titles of Deputies of the Colony of Saint Domingo.

Given at the Colonial Council, King's Houſe, Port-au-Prince, the Day and Year above written.

(Signed) *De Monſeray,*
Le Gras,
Jean Suzanne de Liaumont,
Belin Villeneuve,
Vincendon du Tour.

(Approved) *Adam Williamſon.*

N° 4.

EXTRAIT des Regiſtres des Deliberations du Conſeil Colonial.—Séance du 15 Juin 1795.

Ce jourd'hui Quinze Juin Mille ſept cent quatre-vingt-quinze.

LES Propriétaires Planteurs compoſant le Conſeil Colonial, etabli près le Gouvernement de St. Domingue, aux termes de la Capitulation & des Inſtructions du Roy, Aſſemblés & Delibérans ſur le Traitement à faire á Meſſieurs Malouet, ancien Ordonnateur à St. Domingue, & Chauvin Dumas, Chef de Juſtice & Premier Preſident du Conſeil Superieur de St. Domingue, en Qualité de Deputés Commiſſaries Proviſoires de la Colonie.

Le Conſeil Colonial a fixé & determiné les Appointemens de chacun dêux en la ditte Qualité à la Somme de Trente-ſix Mille Livres Argent de la Colonie Annuellement; laquelle fixation d'Appointemens à été faite ſous le bon Plaiſir de ſon Excellence Sir Adam Williamſon, Gouverneur General de la Colonie de St. Domingue.

Fait & arrêté au Port-au-Prince, Maiſon du Roy, les jours, Mois & An que deſſus.

(Signé) *De Monſeray,*
Le Gras,
Jean Suzanne de Liaumont.
Belin Villeneuve,
Vincendon du Tour.

(Approuvé) *Adam Williamſon.*

TRANSLATION.

EXTRACT from the Regiſter of the Deliberations of the Colonial Council.—Sitting 15th of June 1795.

THE Proprietors and Planters compoſing the Colonial Council, eſtabliſhed for the Government of Saint Domingo, in the Terms of the Capitulation and Inſtructions of His Majeſty, aſſembled and deliberating on the Salary to be granted Meſſieurs Malouet, ancient Ordonnateur of Saint Domingo, and Chauvin Dumas, Chief Juſtice and Firſt Preſident of the Superior Council of Saint Domingo, in Quality of Proviſionary Deputies and Commiſſaries of the Colony of Saint Domingo.

The Council have fixed and determined the Appointments of each of them acting in the above-mentioned Capacity, at the Annual Sum of Thirty-ſix thouſand Livres Currency of the Colony, which Rate of Allowance has received the Approbation and Sanction of His Excellency Sir Adam Williamſon, Governor General of the Colony of St. Domingo.

Given at the King's Houſe, Port-au-Prince, the Day and Month above written,

(Signed) *De Monſeray,*
Le Gras,
Jean Suzanne de Liaumont,
Belin Villeneuve,
Vincendon du Tour,

(Approved) *Adam Williamſon.*

N° 5.

EXTRACT of a Letter and Inclosures from Major General Sir Adam Williamson, K. B. to his Grace the Duke of Portland, dated Port-au-Prince, 25th November 1795.

I HAVE the Honour to send your Grace, a comparative Statement of the Conseil Superieur of 1789 and the present.

Le CONSEIL SUPERIEUR de ST. DOMINGUE, ſeant au PORT-AU-PRINCE, etoit composé, en 1789, Sçavoir,

I.—D'UN Pr. Magiſtrat, ayant le Pre-eminence en la Preſidence de tous les Conſeils de la Colonie.

Ce Magiſtrat etoit l'Intendant ; aujourd'hui c'eſt le Chef de Juſtice.

Ses Appointements etoient 120 Mille Livres Argent de la Colonie, independamment d'Acceſſoires conſiderables.

II.—Un Preſident auquel etoit attribué un Traitement fixé de 24 Mille Livres, ſans compter les Acceſſoires.

III.—12 Conſeillers dont le Traitement fixé etoit 13 Mille 500 Livres ;—le caſuel Independant de ces Appointements eſt monté, en 1788 et 89, à la meme Somme, ou environ.

IV.—4 Conſeillers Aſſeſſeurs ſans Traitement fixé, Mais un Caſuel.

V.—Un Procureur General, dont le Traitement fixé etoit de 25 Mille Livres :

Ses droits caſuels etoient ſi conſiderables, que cette Place paſſoit pour être une des plus lucratives de la Colonie.

VI.—3 Subſtituts, dont 2 ſeulement avoient des Appointements fixé de 6 Mille Livres, ſans compter les droits caſuels.

VII.—Les Greffiers, et Huiſſiers n'avoient pas d'Appointements, et n'en ont encore aucuns.

OBSERVATIONS.

I.—L'Augmentation des Denrées eſt telle qu'il ſeroit impoſſible de ſubſiſter avec les Appointements fixés, en 1789, ſans y comprendre les Honoraires.

II.—En réuniſſant les Appointements, et les caſuels exiſtants en 1788 et 89, ils ſont au moins egaux aux Appointements fixés depuis le Retabliſſement des Tribunaux.

III.—Les Magiſtrats, et autres Perſonnes qui occupoient des Places avoient une fortune independante des Revenues de Leurs Etats, et dans la Situation actuelle, tout le monde eſt reduit à n'avoir pour ſubſiſter que le produit de ſa Place, et tous les caſuels des Magiſtrats ſont ſupprimés.

CONSEIL SUPERIEUR DE St. DOMINGUE en 1789,

Etoit composé 1°. De l'Intendant et premier Preſident.
2°. Du Preſident du Conſeil.
3°. De 11 Conſeillers titulaires.
4°. De 4 Conſeillers Aſſeſſeurs.
5°. Du Procureur General.
6°. De Trois Subſtituts.
7°. D'un Greffier et d'un Audiencier.

Voici quels etoient les Honoraires de ces Officiers, tant fixés que Caſuels.

	Appointemens fixes	CASUELS.		
1°. L'Intendant — — —	120,000	— cy	120,000	
2°. Le Preſident — — —	24,000	20,000 cy	44,000	
3°. 11 Conſeillers titulaires, a 13,500 d'Appointemens, et 12,500 de Caſuel chacun — — —	148,500	137,500 cy	286,000	
4°. Les 2 premiers Aſſeſſeurs avoient chacun 6,000 d'Appointemens, et 6,000 de Caſuel, pour les deux cela fait — — —	12,000	12,000 cy	24,000	
5°. Les 2 derniers Aſſeſſeurs n'avoient que 6,000 de Caſuel, ſans Appointement cela fait — —	— —	12,000 cy	12,000	
6°. Le Procureur General — —	25,000	55,000 cy	80,000	
7°. Les 2 premiers Subſtituts avoient 6,000 d'Appointement, et 6,000 de Caſuel chacun, pour les deux cela fait	12,000	12,000 cy	24,000	
8°. Le 3me Subſtitut n'avoit que 6,000 de Caſuel, ſans Appointemens —	— —	6,000 cy	6,000	
	341,500	254,500	596,000	

Ainſi il en contoit 596,000 pour le Conſeil en 1789.
Sçavoir — — 341,500 d'Appointemens fixés.
Et — — 254,500 de Caſuel.

CONSEIL SUPERIEUR, ACTUEL,

Eſt composé 1°. Du Chef de Juſtice et p^r Preſident.
2°. Du Preſident du Conſeil.
3°. De Douze Conſeillers titulaires.
4°. Du Procureur General.
5°. De Deux Subſtituts.
6°. D'un Greffier et d'un Audiencier.

Ces Officiers n'ont que des Appointemens fixés, et point de Droits Caſuels. Voici l'etat de ces Appointemens.

1°. Le Chef de Juſtice et premier Preſident — — —	89,250
2°. Le Preſident — — — —	25,000
3°. Les Conſeillers titulaires, a 20,000 chacun — —	240,000
4°. Le Procureur General — — —	89,250
5°. Les Deux Subſtituts, a 10,000 chacun — —	20,000
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Ainſi le Conſeil actuel conte moins que le Conſeil de 1789, il y a une Difference de 132,500, entre les Honoraires du Conſeil de 1789, et ceux du Conſeil actuel.

TRANSLATION.

The CONSEIL SUPERIEUR of St. DOMINGO, ſitting at PORT-AU-PRINCE, was compoſed, in 1789, of

I.—A Chief Magiſtrate, who preſided over all the Councils of the Colony.

This Magiſtrate was the Intendant;—now he is Chief Juſtice.

His Salary was 120,000 Livres Currency, beſides conſiderable Fees, &c.

II.—A Preſident who was allowed a fixed Salary of 24,000 Livres Currency, independent of Fees, &c.

III.—12 Judges or Counſellors with a fixed Salary, each of 13,500 Livres Currency;—independent of which the Profits of each Place, amounted in 1788 and 1789, to a Sum nearly equal to the Salary.

IV.—4 Counſellors Aſſeſſeurs without any fixed Salary, but receiving Fees, &c.

V.—A Procureur General with a fixed Salary of 25,000 Livres Currency;—independent of which his Perquiſites were ſo conſiderable, that this was conſidered as one of the moſt lucrative Places in the Colony.

VI.—3 Subſtitutes, Two only of whom had fixed Salaries of 6,000 Livres, not including Fees.

VII.—The Greffiers and the Huiſſiers had no Allowance, neither have they any at preſent.

OBSERVATIONS.

I.—The Price of Proviſions is ſo much increaſed, that it would be impoſſible to ſubſiſt with the Allowances fixed in 1789, unleſs the Fees were added to them.

II.—In coupling the Salaries with the Fees, exiſting in 1789, they are at leaſt equal to the Allowances ſettled ſince the Re-eſtabliſhment of the Tribunals.

III.—The Magiſtrates and others who formerly held Places, had Fortunes independent of the Profits of their Places;—but now, every one depends upon his Salary for his Subſiſtence, and the Magiſtrates no longer receive any Fees.

CONSEIL SUPERIEUR of ST. DOMINGO in 1789,

Was compoſed of
1 The Intendant and Firſt Preſident.
2 The Preſident of the Council.
3 Eleven Conſeillers titulaires.
4 Four Conſeillers aſſeſſeurs.
5 A Procureur General.
6 Three Subſtitutes.
7 A Greffier and an Audiencier.

The following are the fixed and caſual Allowances of theſe Officers.

	Fixed Salaries.	Fees, &c.	Total.
The Intendant — — —	120,000	—	120,000
The Preſident — — —	24,000	20,000	44,000
Eleven Conſeillers titulaires, at a Salary of 13,500 each, and 12,500 Fees each —	148,500	137,500	286,000
The Two firſt Aſſeſſeurs had each 6,000 for Salary, and 6,000 Fees, which makes —	12,000	12,000	24,000
The Two other Aſſeſſeurs had no Salary, but only 6,000 Fees each — —	—	12,000	12,000
The Procureur General — —	25,000	55,000	80,000
The Two firſt Subſtitutes had each a Salary of 6,000, and alſo 6,000 Fees each — — —	12,000	12,000	24,000
The other Subſtitute had only 6,000 Fees —	—	6,000	6,000
	341,500	254,500	596,000

Amounting to 596,000 for the Conſeil in 1789,
viz. — 341,500 fixed Salaries.
254,500 Fees, &c.

CONSEIL SUPERIEUR of ST. DOMINGO,

Is now compoſed of
1 A Chief Juſtice and Firſt Preſident.
2 A Preſident of the Council.
3 Twelve Conſeillers titulaires.
4 A Procureur General.
5 Two Subſtitutes.
6 A Greffier and an Audiencier.

Theſe Officers have fixed Allowances, but no Fees or Perquiſites.—The following is the Amount of their Salaries:

1 Chief Juſtice and Firſt Preſident — —	89,250
2 Preſident of the Council — — —	25,000
3 Twelve Conſeillers titulaires, at 20,000 each — —	240,000
4 A Procureur General — — —	89,250
5 Two Subſtitutes, a 10,000 each — —	20,000
	463,500

It appears that the actual Expence of the Conſeil amounts to 132,500 leſs than the Expence of the Conſeil in 1789.

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